

## County of Los Angeles DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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## NOTIFICATION TO EXTEND THE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR DILIGENT RECRUITMENT OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE AND PROBATION SYSTEMS

This is to notify the Board that I have used Board delegated authority to extend the five Diligent Recruitment sole source contracts to provide enhanced recruitment of families to adopt and foster children in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department, as provided in the Board letter adopted by your Board on February 7, 2012. The amendments implement the second of three options to extend the term of the contracts for one additional year effective September 30, 2013, through September 29, 2014, at the annual maximum cost of \$231,095, funded 100% with federal funds, as follows:

Contractor	Services	Funding Allocations 9/30/2013 to 9/29/2014
Anne E. Nicoll, Ph.D.	Grant Project Evaluator	\$15,300
Five Acres	Recruitment, Retention, and Approval of Resource Parents for Deaf Children	\$47,477
Human Rights Campaign Fund	Building Capacity for Cultural Competency	\$18,014
Kidsave International	Weekend Host Recruiters	\$115,795
The Regents of the University of California	Loss Interventions	\$34,509
	Total	\$231,095

The Diligent Recruitment contracts enable DCFS to increase resources to meet the needs of children who are deaf and hard of hearing; increase the number of adoptive families and permanent adult connections for older African-American and Latino youth and other targeted groups; increase cultural competency of staff and community partners, particularly regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning youth; and increase retention of resource parents who have been involved in concurrent adoptive family planning.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 351-5530.

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